

## **UPDATED MEDIA RELEASE**

## Catch A Thief 7/11/13 Suspect in Custody

## SANTA BARBARA, CA – July 15, 2013

On July 14, 2013, Espinoza turned herself in to authorities at the Santa Barbara County Jail. She declined to make a statement to SBPD detectives about the incident. The Santa Barbara Police Department thanks our Nixle and Nextdoor audiences and our partners in the media for their assistance in this case. Booking photo provided by the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office.



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Sylvia Arlene Espinoza, age 51, 5'03", 180 lbs., of Santa Barbara, is wanted by the Santa Barbara Police Department for the crimes of financial elder abuse and embezzlement. Investigation revealed that Espinoza embezzled at least \$40,000.00 over the course of 2½ years from a 70-year old victim that suffers from multiple sclerosis and cognitive deficiencies. Anyone with knowledge of Espinoza's whereabouts is asked to contact SBPD Detective Kristin Shamordola at (805) 897-2328 / kshamordola@sbpd.com or call anonymously to (805) 897-2386. Anyone who encounters Espinoza is asked to immediately call 9-1-1.

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